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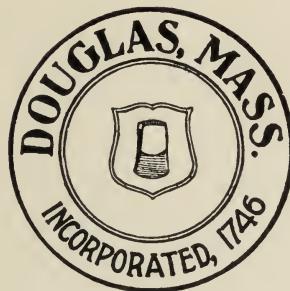
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WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING

Monday, March 18, 1912.

WORCESTER SS.

To any Constable of the Town of Douglas, in the County of Worcester.

GREETING :

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify the inhabitants of the town of Douglas, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet in the town hall, East Douglas, in said Douglas, on Monday the eighteenth day of March current, at six o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles :

Article 1. To elect a moderator, a town clerk, a town treasurer, six constables, a tax collector, an agent on Devise of Moses Wallis, ten highway surveyors, one for each district, a tree warden, an auditor, all for a term of one year, also one selectman, one assessor, one overseer of the poor, one water commissioner, three members of the school committee, one trustee of the public library, one town cemetery commissioner, all for a term of three years, and to vote Yes or No on the question " Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the town the ensuing year ? "

ART. 2 To choose all other necessary town officers for the year ensuing.

ART. 3 To hear the reports of the town officers and outstanding committees and act thereon.

ART. 4 To raise by tax and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary for support of poor, for schools, for debts and interest, for salary of superintendent of schools, for maintaining street lights, for fire protection, for exterminating browntail and gypsy moths, for salaries of town officers, and for other contingent expenses of the town for the ensuing year.

ART. 5 To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for making and repairing highways and town ways for the ensuing year and order the same assessed upon polls and estates of residents and non-residents as other town charges are assessed.

ART. 6 To determine the time when poll and other taxes shall be collected, or act in any manner in relation thereto.

ART. 7 To see what disposition the town will make of the dog fund.

ART. 8 To see if the town will vote to pay the members of the hose company the sum of eight dollars each for their services the ensuing year, the organization and control of said company to be under the supervision of the fire engineers.

ART. 9 To see of what number the acting superintending school committee shall consist and what their compensation shall be.

10. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Overseers of the Poor to obtain a suitable supply of water for the Town Farm, and appropriate a sum of money for same.

ART. 11 To see what sum the town will raise and appropriate for the relief of disabled soldiers and their families.

ART. 12 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty dollars to Samuel Sibley Post, G. A. R., for charitable purposes, under the provisions of Chapter 25, Section 15, of the revised laws.

ART. 13 To see what salary the town will pay its tax collector the ensuing year.

ART. 14. To see what price the town will pay for teams and labor on the highways the ensuing year.

ART. 15. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of taxes of the current year and to be paid therefrom.

ART. 16. To see what sums of money the town will raise and appropriate for constructing and repairing sidewalks and under whose supervision it shall be expended.

ART. 17. To see if the town will vote to pay twenty-five dollars for repair of town clock, so called, to be paid from the contingent fund.

ART. 18. To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate for the Simon Fairfield Public Library.

ART. 19. To see if the town will vote the sum of one hundred dollars to Lambert B. Simons Camp, 123, S. V., for defraying expenses for Memorial day.

ART. 20. To see if the town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to be used on the highways under supervision of the Selectmen, or act or do anything in relation to the same.

ART. 21. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seven hundred dollars for finishing the attic of the High School building.

ART. 22. To see if the town will vote to construct a section of stone road on North street, beginning at Gilboa street, so called, under the supervision of the Selectmen, and to raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand dollars therefor.

ART. 23. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred dollars for the purchase of a forest fire fighting equipment.

ART. 24. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to purchase land for a town dump, and appropriate money therefor.

ART. 25. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars for watering the streets, the same to be assessed under Chap. 452 of Acts of 1908, upon the abutters on the streets watered.

The polls may close at two o'clock.

You are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the Post Office in East Douglas, and at the Post Office in Douglas Center, ten days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

HEREOF FAIL NOT, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this fourth day of March, in the year one thousand nine hundred and twelve.

W. R. WALLIS,
W. S. SCHUSTER,
W. L. CHURCH,
Selectmen of Douglas.

Report of the Selectmen.

For the fiscal year ending March 1, 1912, the Selectmen have drawn orders on the Town Treasurer amounting to \$23,651. 45 for items of town expenses as follows:

Schools	\$9,425	27
Grading school lot.	324	57
Ten highway surveyors.	2,218	08
Trap rock.	89	18
Interest on water bonds.	1,680	00
Lighting streets.	1,503	00
Support of poor.	1,480	71
State aid.	674	00
Library.	481	77
Fire protection.	387	18
Fire company.	320	00
Sons of Veterans, Memorial Day.	100	00
G. A. R. Post, charitable purposes.	50	00
Care of town clock, 2 years.	50	00
Sprinkling streets.	300	00
Sidewalks.	24	75
Silo, Town Farm.	125	00
Inhabitants tax.	118	34
Discount taxes.	223	68
Moth extermination.	34	50
Wixtead curbing.	50	00
Soldiers's relief.	3	00

SALARIES OF TOWN OFFICERS.

Selectmen	\$100 00
Overseers of Poor.....	150 00
School Committee	50 00
Treasurer	75 00
Water Commissioners.....	100 00
Town Clerk.....	130 45
Assessors and expenses.....	304 30
Collector	200 00
Registrars.....	30 00
Janitor Town Hall.....	40 00

	\$1,179 75
	\$20,842 78

CONTINGENT.

Forest fires.....	\$1,762 56
Printing and stationery.....	197 26
Contagious diseases.....	85 23
Repairs Town Hall, and fuel.....	8 70
Repairs to water cart.....	15 70
Tree Warden	176 12
Insurance, Poor Farm.....	46 84
Reporting deaths.....	11 75
Board of Health.....	48 08
Water Works, execution Rizutee case.....	116 24
Reporting births.....	14 75
Election expenses.....	108 55
Cattle inspection	52 00
Meat inspection	40 03
W. F. Hall, Auditor.....	24 05
C. F. McLaren, auditing, 2 years.....	10 00
Sealer of Weights and Measures.....	2 15
Abstracts of title for Assessors.....	13 21
R. Lafleur, damage on highway.....	7 95
Watchman, July 4th.....	7 50
Killing mad dog.....	6 00
Burial indigent soldier.....	37 00
Mowing cemetery.....	12 00
Care of watering trough	5 00

	\$2,808 67

	\$23,651 45

STATE AID.

James Adams	\$44 00
Joseph T. Arnold	40 00
Wellington Balcome.	54 00
Mrs. Elmer H. Balcome.	16 00
Mrs. Charles H. Barton.	48 00
Horace Belding.	48 00
Mrs. William H. Cook.	48 00
Christopher Gazette.	24 00
Charles E. Greene.	72 00
Mrs. William Marshall.	48 00
Mrs. Elisha McKenney	48 00
John P. Otis.	36 00
Francis S. Steere.	40 00
Chandler Titus.	48 00
Charles A. Whipple.	48 00
	—————
	\$662 00

W. R. WALLIS,
W. S. SCHUSTER,
W. L. CHURCH,

Selectmen of Douglas.

Treasurer's Report.

WALTER E. SCHUSTER, Treasurer.

	1911	CR.
Mar. 18	Temporary aid from state to H. D. Mowry	\$ 81 50
Apr. 1	Court money, Joseph Foster.	17 43
	" " Herbert E. Hughes.....	9 46
	" " J. B. Howard.....	5 66
May 3	Selectmen's orders, 1041 to 1053.....	1,571 18
May 1	" " 1054 to 1066.....	2,631 61
June 31	State Treasurer, one fourth license.....	1,000 25
June 5	Selectmen's orders, 1067 to 1089.....	3,176 01
June 12	Temporary aid, H. D. Mowry, Overseer Poor.....	6 00
	Paupers of Town Adams, H. D. Mowry, Overseer Poor.....	6 00
July 1	Court money, J. B. Howard.....	11 68
	" " Willie Manahan.....	9 14
	" " Joseph Foster	43 99
	" " Simon Vallier.....	9 56
	" " Herbert E. Hughes.....	46 97
	" " E. P. Heath.....	28 81
July 3	E. P. Heath, collector tax abatements 1910	9 10
	Selectmen's orders, 1090 to 1100.....	2,006 83
Aug. 7	" " 1101 to 1109.....	352 84
Sept. 2	" " 1110 to 1120.....	1,469 94
Sept. 5	Paupers, support of sick, H. D. Mowry....	14 48
	" burial of, H. D. Mowry....	15 00
	Temporary aid, H. D. Mowry	26 00

Oct.	2	Selectmen's orders, 1121 to 1142.....	\$2,059 51
		Court money, Herbert E. Hughes.....	19 87
		" " Simon Vallier.....	43 99
	19	County tax, one half, Edward A. Brown..	657 00
	28	E. P. Heath, collector, tax abatements 1910	4 37
Nov.	6	Selectmen's orders, 1143 to 1154.....	1,812 21
	16	State treasurer, state tax.....	2,035 00
		" " repairs of state highways..	106 50
	17	Temporary aid from state to H. D. Mowry	37 78
		Transportation of paupers, H. D. Mowry..	4 80
Dec.	4	Selectmen's orders, 1155 to 1160.....	1,751 96
	8	County Tax, Balance, Edward A. Brown..	657 00

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Jan.	1	Court money, Simon Vallier.	31 15
		" " E. P. Heath.....	9 66
		" " J. B. Howard.....	26 53
		" " Willie Manahan.....	15 24
		" " Joseph Foster.....	5 00
		Selectmen's orders, 1161 to 1170.....	2,364 81
	27	Support of Sick Paupers, H. D. Mowry..	23 00
Feb.	5	E. P. Heath, Collector, taxes 1911, no funds (Check Townsend Nat. Bank, F. C. Hammond, taxes.).....	27 75
		Selectmen's orders, 1171 to 1184....	1,499 62
	26	E. P. Heath, Collector, 1911 Tax Abate- ments	42 73
	29	Selectmen's orders, 1185 to 1208.....	2,955 93
Mar.	1	E. P. Heath, Collector, 1911 Tax Abate- ments	67 15
		By cash March 1, 1912, in hands of treas- urer and in bank.....	10,670 86
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			\$39,478 86

1911

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Mar.	1	Cash on hand.....	\$7,919 60
	16	State Treasurer, Corporation tax, Business " " Temporary Aid.	26 40
			81 50
Apr.	1	Court, Second District of Southern Worces- ter	15 67
	3	J. B. Chapdelaine, Jr., second lot ballots for March 20.....	6 25
		Henry S. Hewett, peddler's license, No. 113	8 60

		Interest for February, National Shawmut Bank.	\$13 45
		E. P. Heath, collector, No. 13 Taxes 1910.	318 00
		E. P. Heath, auctioneer's license	2 00
28	May 1	Joseph LaBelle & Co., victualer's license.	2,200 00
		H. C. Holden, druggist's license.	1 00
		Amos Goodness, pool and billiard license.	20 00
		E. E. Young, undertaker's license.	1 00
		George Fieres, junk license.	20 00
		Joseph Derham & Co., innholder's license.	1,800 00
		Interest for March, National Shawmut Bank	12 20
		F. Bowen, undertaker's license	1 00
3	June 1	Oliver Tranque, pool license	5 00
		Interest for April, National Shawmut Bank	13 43
5		State Treasurer, temporary aid.	6 00
		W. H. Herendeen, auctioneer's license.	2 00
		Forest fires, returned by Alex Johnson....	1 20
12	July 1	Paupers from Town of Adams.	6 00
20		Circus license, Sig Sautelle.	3 00
		Court, Second District of Southern Worces- ter.	116 26
3		Interest, National Shawmut Bank.	8 58
		E. P. Heath, collector, No. 14 taxes, 1910	111 34
1	Aug. 1	Interest, National Shawmut Bank.	3 87
2		Nicola Essa, peddler's license.	8 00
7		A. B. Simmons, butcher's license.	1 00
		Walter E. Schuster, Warranty Deed, gravel pit.	125 00
24		E. P. Heath, collector, No. 1 taxes, 1911..	1,500 00
28		" " " No. 2 " "	1,500 00
30		" " " No. 3 " "	1,800 00
Sept. 2		" " " No. 4 " "	6,100 00
		State treasurer, sick paupers. \$14 48	
		Temporary aid. 26 00	
		Burial of paupers. 15 00	
			55 48
		State treasurer, transportation of pau- pers.	\$2 40
		Tuition of children.	4 00
		Compensation Inspectors of animals	27 37
			33 77
		Interest for July, National Shawmut Bank.	2 68
		E. P. Heath, collector, No. 5 taxes 1911..	2,000 00

Sept. 2	State Aid, Christopher Gazette, charged but not paid, July.	\$ 6 00
18	E. P. Heath, collector, No. 6 taxes 1911....	1,050 00
Oct. 2	" " " " No. 7 " " Court, Second District of Southern Worcester	1,200 00
		9 22
3	Interest for August, National Shawmut Bank	16 56
26	School repairs, received of Joseph Geleneau (old clock).....	1 00
28	E. P. Heath, collector, No. 15 taxes, 1910.. " " " " No. 8 taxes, 1911... School tuition, town of Sutton, Leonard pupil, (fall term, 1910, spring term, 1911).	104 37 950 00 14 00
	School tuition, town of Sutton, B. L. Cole Emma Knight, Ruth Littlefield, (fall term 1911-12).....	21 00
Nov. 1	Interest for September, Nat. Shawmut Bank	22 67
6	E. P. Heath, collector, No. 9 taxes 1911..	1,350 00
14	Transportation received of Cole of Man- chaug, fall term	16 00
	Schools, general expense, J. B. Farnum, freight.	25
15	State Aid, Wellington Balcome, charged, not allowed, September.....	6 00
Nov. 16	State treas. corporation tax P. S. \$ 167 48 corporation tax (business) 2,109 50 State aid.	718 00
	National Bank tax.....	210 04
	Temporary aid.	37 78
	State Board of Charity, transportation of paupers	4 80
	Contagious diseases.....	15 00
		3,262 60
24	State Treasurer, special to High School...	500 00
Dec. 4	State, through L. S. Aldrich School, Super- intendent and teachers.	500 00
8	E. P. Heath, collector, No. 10 taxes 1911. Interest for October, National Shawmut Bank	930 00 23 32
1912		
Jan. 1	Court, Second District of Southern Worcester	38 69
	County Treasurer, dog fund returned.....	231 77

Jan. 1	Interest for November, 1911, National Shawmut Bank..	\$10 18
9	Interest, Worcester Trust Co	49
9	A. F. Richardson, Keeper of Jail, Worcester.	11 42
17	Sons of Veterans, Memorial Day, balance returned.	11 40
26	State Treasurer, Mass., State School Fund " Support of sick paupers	907 11 23 00
27	E. P. Heath, collector, No. 11, taxes 1911	400 00
Feb. 1	Interest for December, 1911, National Shawmut Bank.	3 91
	Interest for December, 1911, Worcester Trust Co.....	23 18
5	Peters butcher's license	1 00
20	Douglas Water Works, Rizuttee claim, paid 10-2-'11.	116 24
26	E. P. Heath, collector, No. 16 taxes 1910, balance due.....	72 29
	E. P. Heath, collector, No. 12 taxes, 1911	1,019 75
28	James E. Meehan, rent of Town Hall two nights.	6 00
29	School tuition, town of Sutton, 3 high school pupils, winter term.	21 00
	School transportation, received of Cole of Manchaug, winter term.	11 00
	Cemetery Commissioner, Wm. E. Balcom.	20 50
Mar. 1	Interest for January, National Shawmut Bank	1 12
	E. P. Heath, collector, No. 13 taxes 1911.	601 73
2	Interest for January, Worcester Trust Co..	25 41
	E. P. Heath, collector, No. 14 taxes 1911.	90 00
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		\$39,478 86

Cash on hand, March 1, 1912.	\$10,670 86
Due from E. B. Knapp, collector, 1896.	20 31
" " " " " 1897.	145 67
" " " " " 1899.	229 90
" " " " " 1900.	254 22
" " " " " 1901.	95 07
" " " E. P. Heath " 1911.	431 05
" " " State for state aid.	662 00
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	\$12,509 08

In trust, Henry Whiting Fund, Peoples Savings Bank, Worcester, for care of cemetery lot	\$114 28
In trust, Sarah E. Scott Fund, Peoples Savings Bank, Worcester, for care of cemetery lot	56 30
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	\$170 58

WALTER E. SCHUSTER, *Town Treasurer.*

Office of WILLIAM FRANKLIN HALL, Accountant,

Exchange Building, Boston, Mass., March 2, 1912.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen, Town of Douglas, Mass.

GENTLEMEN :—

I have examined the books and accounts of the Town Treasurer and Water Commissioners for the year ending February 29, 1912, and find them to be well kept and in good condition.

The taxes are well collected and properly accounted for to the Treasurer.

The cash was verified on this date (March 2, 1912), and found to be as follows :

TOWN TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

On deposit in National Shawmut Bank, as per their statement of February 28, 1912.	\$35 62
Less :—Checks outstanding.	34 50
Balance as per check book.	<hr/> \$1 12

On deposit in Worcester Trust Co., as per their state- ment of February 28, 1912	\$12,640 72
Less :—Checks outstanding	2,654 06

Balance as per check book	\$9,986 66
Checks in hands of Treasurer	318 77
Cash in hands of Treasurer	364 31

Total cash on hand and in banks, agreeing with bal- ance as required by the cash book	\$10,670 86

WATER COMMISSIONERS ACCOUNT.

On deposit in Old Colony Trust Co., as per their statement of March 1, 1912	\$1,133 63
Less :—Checks outstanding	129 67

Balance as per check book	\$1,003 96
Checks in hands of Treasurer	139 56
Cash in hands of Treasurer	128 70

Total cash on hand and in bank, agreeing with bal- ance per cash book	\$1,272 22

Respectfully submitted,

WM. FRANKLIN HALL, C. P. A.

Per A. T. Byrnes.

REPORT OF THE WATER COMMISSIONERS

For the Year Ending March 1, 1912.

A committee of experts from the board of insurance underwriters visited us the past summer and made an examination and test of our water system, to ascertain its value as a fire protection. All their requirements were met with and they pronounced the system satisfactory. Since then, a reduction of about 17% has been made in the rates of insurance, and while this reduction means a great saving in the cost of insurance, it is not satisfactory and the subject is now a matter of controversy, we feeling that our protection entitles us to a reduction of 25%, which we hope to get.

Without the protection of our water works and the good work of our hosemen, we would have had two disastrous fires in the village the past season, the Heath and Hammond houses, both so situated that adjoining property would have suffered, and in all probability, property would have been destroyed amounting to nearly half the cost of the entire water works. The speedy control of these fires could but convince anyone that now the village is comparatively safe from large fires.

Our village is one of the few that has had plenty of the best water during the protracted drought of the past two seasons.

About one hundred and fifty house connections have been made, and while more are looked for, the heavy expense of meters and connections will be materially lessened in the future.

The past winter has been the most severe of any on record, and water pipes and mains have been frozen throughout New England. Our troubles from frozen pipes, while considerable, have been as few as any of our surrounding towns.

Following is the detail report of the year's operations:—

RECEIPTS FROM HOUSE CONNECTIONS.

1911.

Mar.	13.	To rec'd for making house connections	\$29 03
	15.	Making house connections, "	11 11
Apr.	20.	" " "	11 55
May	20.	" " "	5 00
July	18.	" " "	16 74
Aug.	25.	" " "	8 32
Oct.	7.	" " "	83 72
Nov.	7.	" " "	21 62
Dec.	17.	" " "	24 75
1912.			
Feb.	8.	" " "	25 95
	28.	" " "	37 16
			<hr/> \$274 95 <hr/>

LABOR AND SUPPLIES IN MAKING HOUSE CONNECTIONS.

1911.

Mar.	7.	By paid H. Muller Mfg. Co. brass goods, Ralph Degallo, labor	\$ 241 75
	27.	Chas. Raguso, "	6 00
Apr.	14.	Walworth Mfg. Co. pipe tools	7 23
	18.	Jere Dunlavey, repairing tools	3 45
	22.	Chas. Raguso, labor	11 20
May	17.	" "	25 60
		Louis Yacino, "	7 20
		Victor Lemaux, "	4 40
	31.	Frank Francis, "	3 60
June	3.	Chas. Raguso, "	4 00
	3.	Victor Lemaux, "	3 40

July	1.	Chas. Raguso, labor	\$ 8 00
		Sam Francis, "	2 60
	12.	Victor Lemaux, "	3 80
	14.	Chas. Raguso, "	10 00
Aug.	8.	" " "	20 80
		Chas. Ross, "	3 60
		Malvin Hathaway, "	70
		Victor Lemaux, "	7 20
	25.	Chas. Ross, "	10 80
		Chas. Raguso, "	20 00
		Victor Lemaux, "	21 00
Aug.	26.	J. B. Farnum Co. lard oil	6 25
	28.	Chas. Raduso, labor	30 60
		Victor Lemaux, labor	10 80
		Freight.	1 15
Oct.	11.	National Meter Co. meters.	265 05
		Supplies and express.	2 89
		Chas. Raguso, labor.	15 80
Nov.	4.	" " "	17 60
	27.	Alexander Fina, labor	9 30
	29.	Eddie Cook, "	6 70
		Ernest Labell, "	3 85
		Jos. Foster, "	1 00
1912.			
Jan.	22.	Victor Lemaux, "	1 80
		Ernest Labell, "	3 60
	24.	W. E. Jones, labor and supplies	10 22
Feb.	14.	National Meter Co. parts.	7 24
			<hr/> \$824 53

OPERATING RECEIPTS.

1911.

Mar.	14.	To rec'd for water service	\$ 21 65
Apr.	7.	" " " "	132 50
	10.	" " " "	45 00
	20.	" " " "	64 50
May	20.	" " " "	30 00
July	18.	" " " "	104 17
	24.	" " " "	92 11
Aug.	4.	" " " "	67 50
	25.	" " " "	34 10
Oct.	7.	" " " "	7 50
	17.	" " " "	233 00

Nov. 7.	To rec'd for water service	\$ 59 87
Dec. 17.	" " " "	41 57
<hr/> 1912.		
Feb. 2.	" " " "	128 95
8.	" " " "	195 69
28.	" " " "	209 10
	" sprinkler service, year,	73 74
	" water for circus,	1 50
	" " Manchaug state road,	15 00
	" private hydrant 1½ years,	45 00
		—————
		\$1,602 45
To 53 town hydrants, valued at		1,590 00
Water for sprinkling streets, valued at		75 00
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OPERATING EXPENSES.

1911.

Mar. 4.	By paid E. R. Correll, Supt., labor	\$ 48 00
Apr. 4.	E. R. Correll, Supt., labor	48 00
28.	" " " "	48 00
May 27.	" " " "	48 00
July 1.	" " " "	48 00
Aug. 8.	" " " "	48 00
19.	" " " "	48 00
Oct. 11.	Eagle Printing Co. order books	4 25
	E. R. Correll, Supt., labor	96 00
Dec. 14.	" " " "	96 00
31.	Frank E. Jones, coal for pumping station,	7 50
<hr/> 1912.		
Jan. 12.	E. R. Correll, Supt., labor	48 00
Feb. 3.	" " " "	48 00
28.	" " " "	48 00

1911.

Mar. 7.	Douglas Electric Co. power for Feb.	32 28
Apr. 7.	" " " " Mar.	33 30
May 12.	" " " " April	46 25
June 16.	" " " " May	34 50
July 16.	" " " " June	36 23
Aug. 16.	" " " " July	38 60
Sept. 18.	" " " " August	34 17
Oct. 14.	" " " " September	31 50
Nov. 11.	" " " " October	31 70
Dec. 22.	" " " " November	34 50

1912.

Jan. 12.	Douglas Electric Co. power for December	\$36 70
Feb. 10.	" " " " January...	40 30
	" " " lighting for year....	14 50
		<hr/> <hr/> \$1,128 28 <hr/>

MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS.

1911.

July 18.	To rec'd for labor.....	\$ 4 00
1912.		

Feb. 5.	Rebate on machinery	39 00
14.	Schuster Woolen Co., pipe.....	10 62
16.	W. E. Hayward & Co., pipe and fittings.....	42 68
28.	Rent Tally-ho Knitting Co.. 4 months.....	32 00
	Interest on deposits.....	27 23
	W. R. Wallis, 6" pipe.....	130 57
	Pipe sold Uxbridge.....	4 21
	Labor on standpipes.....	22 00
		<hr/> <hr/> \$312 31 <hr/>

MISCELLANEOUS PAYMENTS.

1911

Oct. 11.	By paid Fuller Iron Works, sleeves	\$ 21 03
1912.		

Feb. 14.	W. E. Hayward & Co., pipe and labor.....	29 01
	Frank L. Correll, team	6 00
	W. E. Schuster, galv. pipe	2 47
	Schuster Woolen Co. pipe and fittings.....	9 73
	J. Morrell, balance on pipe laying,	218 30
	W. R. Wallis, stove and sup- plies.....	32 69
	W. R. Wallis, pipe and supplies	64 25
	H. N. Lougee, wrench.....	1 00

Team for Supt., freight and express.....	\$3 40
Jere Dunlavey, blacksmithing..	2 25
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	\$390 13

RECAPITULATION.

1911.	<i>Dr.</i>
Mar. 1. To balance in treasury.....	\$1,425 45
1912.	
Feb. 29. To rec'd. for making house con- nections.....	\$ 274 95
Water service.....	1,602 45
Miscellaneous receipts.....	312 31
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	\$2,189 71
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Town hydrant system, 53 hydrants, valued at....	\$1,590 00
Water for sprinkling streets.....	75 00
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	\$1,665 00
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Cr.

By paid for labor and supplies for house connections.....	\$ 824 53
Operating expenses.....	1,128 28
Miscellaneous expenses.....	390 13
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	\$2,342 94
1912.	
Feb. 28. By cash in town treasury.....	1,272 22
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	\$3,615 16
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WILLIE R. WALLIS,
CHARLES J. BATCHELLER,
HERBERT N. LOUGEY,

Water Commissioners.

I have examined the above report of the Water Commissioners, and find same correct

EDMUND GENEREUX, *Auditor.*

By request we re-print from last years report, a summary of the receipts and expenditures covering the construction of the water system;—

Dr.

To rec'd from sale of 42 \$1,000 bonds.....	\$44,642 33
interest.....	205 46
rebates on machinery.....	156 00
materials sold.....	183 87
Total amount received.....	\$45,187 66

Cr.

Expended as follows,—

Engineering.....	\$ 1,894 10
Land for reservoir and pumping station..	417 50
Hydrants, valves, gates and boxes.....	2,115 20
Pipe and fittings for street mains.....	15,869 55
Pipe laying.....	8,447 97
Driving wells	629 35
Cement reservoir.....	4,524 28
Pumping station.....	2,993 33
Electric motors.....	678 70
Pumps.....	2,955 04
Miscellaneous	593 34
Total amount expended	\$41,118 36
Balance remaining after construction.....	\$4,069 30

By a special act of the legislature the town was authorized to issue \$50,000.00 in 4% bonds, to construct a water system.

Engineer's estimates placed the probable cost at \$47,267.00.

Douglas has the credit of being one of very few towns in New England (some say the only one) owning water works constructed way below the engineer's estimates, and thousands of dollars under the appropriation.

CHAS. J. BATCHELLER,

Sec'y Construction Committee.

Report of Treasurer

DOUGLAS WATER WORKS.

1911	DR.
Mar. 1 Cash on hand.....	\$1,425 45
Apr. 8 C. J. Batcheller, commissioner.....	209 29
11 " " "	45 00
22 " " "	76 05
June 20 " " "	53 44
July 20 " " "	122 41
27 " " "	96 11
Aug. 10 " " "	67 50
Sept. 13 " " "	60 84
Oct. 18 " " "	342 66
Nov. 13 " " "	81 49
1912	
Feb. 5 " " "	234 27
9 " " "	240 08
15 " " "	10 62
17 " " "	42 68
21 " " "	32 00
29 " " "	199 00
Mar. 2 " " "	268 26
Interest for year	27 23
	<hr/> \$3,634 38

1911		Cr.	
March	Water Commissioner's orders, 104 to 108...	\$335	38
April	" " 109 to 114...	152	18
May	" " 115 to 120...	136	55
June	" " 121 to 123 ..	42	90
July	" " 124 to 128...	72	40
August	" " 129 to 139...	263	18
Sept.	" " 140, 141, 143	66	92
Oct.	" " 142 and 144 to 150.....	447	32
Nov.	" " 151 to 153...	60	60
Dec.	" " 154 to 159....	144	85
1912			
Jan.	" " 161 to 163...	89	30
Feb.	" " 160, and 164 to 176.	496	93
Mar. 2	" " 177 to 179..	53	65
By cash March 1, 1912, in hands of treasurer and in bank.....			1,272 22
			\$3,634 38

WALTER E. SCHUSTER, *Treasurer.*

REPORT OF FIRE ENGINEERS.

The past year we have built two new hose houses, one across the river, the other at the lower village. Two new hose wagons, fully equipped with axes, lanterns, etc., also eight hundred feet of new hose, have been added. At the Fire Engine house we also have a fully equipped hose wagon.

We have had one reduction in rates on insurance, and we hope within a short time to get another reduction.

WILLIE R. WALLIS,
JAMES W. WIXTEAD,
HERBERT N. LOUGEE,
F. J. LIBBY,
OSCAR OLSEN,
WALTER E. SCHUSTER,

Fire Engineers.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

1911

BIRTHS.

Whole number	54
Number of males.....	28
Number of females.....	26
	— 54
American parentage	22
Foreign parentage	25
Mixed	7
	— 54

MARRIAGES.

Whole number	25
American birth	26
Foreign birth	24
Residents of Douglas	39
Elsewhere	11
First marriage	45
Second marriage	5

DEATHS.

Whole number .....	.. 61
Males	34
Females	27
	— 61

American birth.....	51
Foreign birth.....	10
	— 61

Number under 1 year.....	22
Between 1 and 5 years	2
" 5 and 10 "	1
" 10 and 20 "	0
" 20 and 30 "	2
" 30 and 40 "	4
" 40 and 50 "	1
" 50 and 60 "	5
" 60 and 70 "	6
" 70 and 80 "	13
" 80 and 90 "	3
" 90 and 100 "	2
	— 61

DOGS REGISTERED.

Whole number	128
Males, 116 at \$2.00	\$232 00
Females, 12 at \$5.00	60 00
	—
Less fees, (128 at 20 cts.)	\$292 00
	25 60
Paid to County Treasurer.....	\$266 40

J. B. CHAPDELAINE, JR.,

Town Clerk.

Report of the Treasurer of Simon Fairfield Public Library

DR.

1911

Mar. 1	To balance town appropriation	\$100 00
	Balance income Fairfield fund.	12 96
	Balance income Smith fund...	11 33
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		\$124 29

Income for the year as follows:—

Dog fund.....	\$231 77
Town appropriation.....	150 00
Income Keith fund	8 08
Income Fairfield fund.....	175 00
Income Smith fund.....	240 00
Received from fines.....	14 54
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	\$819 39
Total receipts.	\$943 68

CR.

1911

Paid Vera H. Warner, librarian.....	\$300 00
Martha Belding, assistant librarian.....	10 00
Herbert E. Hughes, janitor.....	72 00
Douglas Electric Co., lighting.....	44 77
Removing ashes.....	3 75
Cleaning library	11 65

Painting screens.....	\$ 1 25
Sundry supplies.....	5 37
Newspapers.....	21 00
Magazines.....	28 75
Electric lamps.....	3 00
Books, freight and cartage.....	123 08
Frank E. Jones, coal.....	119 00
	—
	\$743 62

1912

Mar. 1 Unexpended balances as follows: —

Fairfield fund.....	\$ 45 56
Smith fund.....	154 50
	—
	\$200 06
	—
	\$943 68

The past year has given satisfactory evidence of the continued increase in the patronage of both the library book department and the reading room. The additions made to the reference department last year have been much appreciated by the schools.

The dog fund collected this year was over one hundred dollars less than that of last year, thus limiting the purchase of books to that amount.

ENDOWMENT FUNDS.

Mrs. Royal Keith fund.....	\$ 200 00
James M. Fairfield fund.....	5,000 00
James Smith fund.....	6,000 00
	—
	\$11,200 00

CHARLES J. BATCHELLER, *Treasurer.*

Annual Report of the
OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

For Year Ending March 1, 1912.

A. S. POTTER, Supt. of Almshouse.

Personal property at almshouse, as per inventory:

March 1, 1911.....	\$2,611 28
March 1, 1912.....	2,645 39
Increase.....	\$ 34 11

We have made the Superintendent debtor to what he has received for labor, produce, etc., and credited him with what he has paid out as follows:

DR.

Cash on hand.....	\$13 19
215 lbs. butter.....	81 84
Milk and cream.....	18 45
Fowls	20 95
Eggs	8 70
Pork and pigs.....	125 22
Calves, 3.....	34 50
Board and dinners.....	104 80

Lumber.....	\$342 10
Labor with team.....	192 75
Miscellaneous.....	12 03
Fighting fire.....	26 90
	—————
	\$981 43

CR.

Meat and provisions.....	\$218 86
Labor.....	287 48
Cutlery.....	9 00
Doctor and medicines.....	33 21
Cream separator.....	36 62
Horse shoeing and repairs.....	48 66
Fertilizer and hay.....	99 10
Pig	25 00
Lumber and cement.....	124 93
Miscellaneous.....	31 14
Clothing	10 09
	—————
	\$924 09
March 1, cash on hand.....	\$57 34
	—————
	\$981 43

The Overseers have paid the following bills in the almshouse account :

A. S. Potter to Jan. 1.....	\$357 00
Groceries and grain.....	447 58
3 Pigs	25 00
	—————
	\$829 58

REPAIRS AT ALMSHOUSE BARN.

B. A. Stockwell, labor.....	\$66 00
	—————

REPAIRS AT ALMSHOUSE.

Material for Silo.....	\$54 52
Hoops	15 00
Bolts.....	5 79
Staples	24
Cement.....	9 00
Labor	40 45
	—————
	\$125 00

Appropriation \$125 00

William E. Balcome, repairs, connecting silo to barn : —

Material	\$36 75
Labor, etc.....	60 70
Painting.....	6 00
Paint.....	4 80
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	\$108 25

SUMMARY

Superintendent has paid for supplies as per this report.....	\$924 09
Overseers have paid out as per this report.....	829 58
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	\$1,753 67
Supt., for labor, produce and board..	981 43
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	\$772 24
Increase as per inventory.....	34 11
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	\$738 13

COST OF POOR AT ALMSHOUSE THIS YEAR.

Cost per week..... \$7 00

Inmates at Almshouse March 1, 1912, two ages 83 and 81 years.

OUTSIDE POOR.

Expense	\$267 37
Town of Adams.....	6 00
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	\$273 37

STATE POOR.

Paid	\$ 62 78
Due from state.....	181 35

LOCK-UP ACCOUNT 1911-1912.

Expense	\$31 64
Miscellaneous account.....	67 99

AMOUNT RECEIVED FOR SUPPORT OF POOR.

1911

March 1, cash on hand.....	\$ 47 21
Received from Town Treasurer....	1,400 00
" " " of Adams....	6 00
" " " of Sutton....	8 60
" " State Treasurer....	208 56
	—————
	\$1,670 37

RECAPITULATION.

Paid on account of poor at almshouse	\$829 58
Outside poor	267 73
State poor.....	62 78
Poor of Town of Adams.....	6 00
Lock-up.....	31 64
Miscellaneous.....	66 49
Sutton	8 60
Due from state.....	181 35
Repairs at Almshouse barn, B. Stockwell	66 00
Connecting Silo to barn, material...	36 75
Labor	60 70
Paint and painting.....	10 80
Cash on hand..	41 95
 Silo	\$125 00
Town appropriated.....	\$125 00

The Overseers have received for their services:

Henry D. Mowry	\$100 00
Paul D. Manning.....	25 00
Orlan F. Chase	25 00

HENRY D. MOWRY,
PAUL D. MANNING,
ORLAN F. CHASE,

Overseers of Poor.

I have examined the above reports of overseers of poor and
find same correct.

EDMUND GENEREUX, *Auditor.*

Annual Report of WILLIE R. WALLIS, Agent
 ON THE
 Devise of Moses Wallis
 TO TOWN OF DOUGLAS

For the Year Ending, March 1, 1912.

The Agent has charged himself with amounts due the Town, March 1, 1912, as follows:

Notes due the town.....,.....	\$3,775 00
Accrued interest in notes.....	230 68
Deposited Rhode Island Hospital Trust	
Co. and interest.....	31,650 89
Cash in hands of Agent.....	267 67
	—————
	\$35,924 24

1911

Mar. 1	Cash in hands of Agent.....	267 67
4	John Vallier	18 00
Aug. 5	Susan V. Thayer, Est.....	100 00
7	" ".....	425 00
18	Edward M. Southwick.. . . .	24 00
Dec. 1	Phebe Young,.....	100 00
	" ".....	35 75
	" ".....	4 50
30	Potter M. Bates.....	6 00

1912

Feb. 10	John Vallier	\$18 00
23	Salina Casey.....	30 00
24	Frank Duval.....	51 00
27	David and Amos Lunn.....	30 00
28	Joseph T. Arnold..	12 00
29	Phebe Young.....	24 00
		————— \$1,145 92

The Agent has paid out as follows:

1911

Aug. 21	Insurance Thayer Place.....	\$200
	Auction bills.....	1 25
	Adv. mtg. sale	4 25
	Auctioneer.....	2 75
	F. J. Libby, foreclosure.....	5 00
Dec. 21	Deposited Rhode Island Hospi-	
	tal Trust Co	900 00
Feb. 29	Agent, care of devise.....	75 00
		————— \$990 25

NOTES DUE THE TOWN, MARCH 1, 1912.

Maker of Note.	Paid by	Accrued Int.	Principal.
Joseph T. Arnold	Arthur L. Putman Est.		\$200 00
Preserved Alger	Russell H. Baton	\$10 90	100 00
Potter M. Bates	John C. F. Bates	2 25	100 00
Salina Casey	Ordeal Casey	3 30	500 00
Frank Duval			125 00
" "			300 00
David and Amos Lunn	David Lunn	10 33	500 00
Mary A. Reynolds		30 00	250 00
Edward M. Southwick	Wm. H. Evans	12 78	400 00
John Vallier	Agnes Gauvin	45	300 00
Phebe Young	W. F. Young		400 00
		—————	—————
		\$70 01	\$3,175 00

RECAPITULATION.

1911

Mar. 1	Cash in hands of Agent.....	\$ 267 67
	Cash received during the year.	1,145 92
		————— \$1,413 59

Cash paid out during the year.	\$ 90 25
Deposited R. I. H. Trust Co..	900 00
Cash in hands of Agent.....	155 67
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	\$1,145 92

1912

Mar. 1 Notes due the town.....	\$3,175 00
Accrued interest	70 01
Deposited R. I. H. Trust Co. and interest to date.....	33,840 83
Cash in hands of Agent.....	155 67
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Value of Devise March 1, 1911.....	\$35,924 24
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Net gain for the year.....	\$1,817 27

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIE R. WALLIS, *Agent.*

I have examined the above report of Willie R. Wallis, Agent, and find same correct.

EDMUND GENEREUX, *Auditor.*

REPORT OF
TAX COLLECTOR
FOR 1911.

Douglas, Mass., March 1, 1912.

The Assessors of Douglas for the year 1911, committed to me on the 14th day of August, 1912, the Collector's book with warrant to collect and pay over to the Treasurer of the said town of Douglas the sum of

\$20,894 78

I have collected and paid over to the Treasurer of said town in cash discounts and abatements the sum of \$20,491 48

Balance. \$403 30

I have collected since March 1, 1912. 68 39

Leaving balance uncollected. \$334 91

Interest collected to March 1, 1912. \$14 63

By vote of the town March 1902, the names of all delinquent tax payers are to be printed each year in the town report and are as follows:

Napoleon Bruno	\$ 2 00	Daniel Rodgers.	\$ 2 00
George Cariveau	2 00	Gilbert Roberts.	2 00
George Conrad, Sr.	3 07	L. A. Ring.	2 00
Jerry Carter	2 00	Mrs. A. W. Reynolds..	10 01
Charles G. Gazette.	2 00	Heirs Willis Sherman..	1 07
Wesley J. Gow.	2 00	Alfred Frank	2 00
Peter Gallier.	2 00	Oscar Thiverge.	2 00
William Humphrey.	3 14	Aldan V. Warner.	2 00
Hattie Humphrey.	6 44	Edgar S. Hill.	6 44
Arthur Holbrook.	2 00	Manning Arnold	35 75
Thomas J. Hudgine.	2 00	Chaffee Bros.	7 58
Andrew Irha.	2 00	Mrs. Etta R. Phillips..	10 01
Frank Iaisim.	2 00	F. F. Sibley.	2 86
Heirs of Mrs. Phoebe Keith	1 43	J. W. Dike.	3 21
William Lane	5 58	John A. Richardson. . .	14 30
Amos Lunn.	4 29	Mrs. Sarah A. Sibley..	10 01
James K. Mathewson .	2 00	Joseph Love.	3 58
Adolph Olson.	2 00	Russell H. Baton	10 79
Arthur Perry.	2 00	Fred D. Hammond. . .	10 73
Charles Plant.	2 00	Chester K. Mathewson.	10 01
Felix Pelvquin.	2 00	Francis P. Brady, Admr.	
		G. T. Aldrich Est..	88 83

Respectfully submitted,

E. P. HEATH, *Collector.*

TREE WARDEN'S REPORT

For Year 1911

All the elm trees were sprayed during the months of May and June and a few were done a second time in July and August. Owing to the use of a different nozzle this year, I secured the best results possible with the apparatus of the town.

SPRAYING.

W. E. Carpenter, 20½ days at \$2.00 per day.....	\$41 00
W. E. Carpenter, team, 18½ days at \$1.25 per day.....	22 70
Jo. Bruno, 16 days 3¾ hours at \$2.25 " 	36 94
Raymond Jones, 13 days ¾ hour at \$1.75 " 	22 90
Fred Foster, 2 days at \$1.75 " 	3 50
Richard Foster, 1½ day at \$1.75 " 	2 33
Thomsen Chem. Co., 200 lbs. arsenate lead.....	14 50
Whitin Mach. Co., 75 lbs. " 	7 50
G. A. Gleason, repair of pump, making 4 bolts.....	90
W. R. Wallis, hose, nozzles and couplings	10 53
E. N. Jenckes, paper, tacks	10
W. E. Jones, hose, rubber packing, tin, tape, bolts and packing pump.	6 00
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	\$168 90

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By private work	\$6 50

	\$132 40

PRUNING.

Albert Blay, removing tree.	50
W. E. Carpenter, 11 days $2\frac{1}{2}$ hours at \$2.50 per day . . .	\$28 04
Jo. Bruno, $2\frac{2}{3}$ days at \$2.50 " . . .	6 67
Richard Foster, 4 days $6\frac{1}{2}$ hours at \$1.50 " . . .	7 05
G. A. Gleason, repair of tree trimmer.	35
Stephen Copp, sharpening two saws.	40
W. R. Wallis, sharpening one saw.	20

	\$175 61
Error.	51

	\$176 12

W. E. CARPENTER, *Tree Warden.*

ANNUAL REPORT OF
Highway Surveyors.

In this department the prices for labor per hour, are: Surveyors, 25c; two horses on cart with men, 40c: one horse on cart with man, 35c; two horses on scraper, 30c; laborers, men, 20c; boys, 12c.

G. H. DUDLEY, District No. 1.

G. H. Dudley, 356 h	\$ 89 00		Wm. Church, 10 h	\$2 00
Four horses on scraper,			Wm. Church, 60 loads	
35 h	21 00		gravel	3 00
Two horses on cart,			Mrs. J. Palmer, 15 loads	
409 h	102 00		gravel	75
One horse on cart,			Paul Manning, 5 loads	
55 h	6 87		gravel	25
Wm. H. Dudley, 188 h	37 60		Mrs. A. Putnam, 94 loads	
Walter E. Putnam, 221 h	44 20		gravel	4 70
A. P. Dudley, 146 h	29 20		A. B. Simmons, 21 loads	
O. M. Chase, 418 h	83 60		gravel	1 05
Edward Johnson, 25 h	5 00		Wm. R. Wallis, bill	4 44
Niles Palmer, 9 h	1 80			
John Farron, 3 h	60			\$438 66
Geo. Blake, 8 h	1 60			

U. I. PETERS, District No. 2.

R. Humes, 115 h	\$23 00	J. St. Andrews, 5 h	\$ 1 00
Roy Peters, 79 h	15 80	L. Virgen, 36 h	7 20
H. A. Peters, 214 h	42 80	U. I. Peters, team 154 h	38 50
C. Dudley, 75 h	15 00	Wm. L. Church, 18 h	3 66
F. Revoid, 36 h	7 20		
U. I. Peters, 246 h	61 50		\$215 60

HENRY JARVIS, District Nos. 3 and 6.

Henry Jarvis, 410½ h	\$102 63	Joseph Francis, 16 h	\$ 3 20
Horses on cart, 391½ h	97 87	Phill Manning, team, 36 h	16 20
Horses on scraper, 19 h	5 70	Hammond Metcalf, 18 h	3 60
William P. White, 3 h	60	Arthur Metcalf, 18 h	3 60
Frank Francis, 96 h	19 20	Alvin Brown, 9 h	1 80
Fred Casey, 10 h	2 00	Robert Lunn, 323½ h	64 70
Victor Lemieux, 26 h	5 20	W. E. Parkes, 311½ h	62 30
Jarke Bosomer, 4 h	80	Albert Burke, 45 h	9 00
Arthur Departie, 12½ h	2 50	Charlie Allen, 18 h	3 90
Ernest Labelle, 168½ h	33 70	Mrs. A. J. Thayer, 171 loads gravel	8 55
Joe Gouthier, driving scraper, 19 h	3 80		
W. R. Wallis, two horses on scraper, 19 h	5 70		\$526 40
W. R. Wallis, two horses man, on cart 155 h	69 75	W. R. Wallis, lumber and spikes	27 94
Mike Carter, 2 h	40		
			\$554 34

O. F. CHASE, District No. 4.

Orlan F. Chase, 128½ h	\$32 12	Horses on cart, 31½ h	\$7 88
Driving horse, 67½ h	3 38	Alphonso Chase, 24 h	4 80
Horses on cart, 18 h	4 50	Mrs. Mary Chapman, 76 loads gravel	3 80
Leon O. Chase, 104½ h	20 70	Orlan F. Chase, 27 loads gravel	1 35
Elwin S. Chase, 18 h	3 60		
Myron B. Chase, 120 h	24 00		
Henry Chase, 40½ h	8 10		
Horses on cart 22½ h	5 62		\$126 15
Edrastus Chase, 31½ h	6 30		

A. L. PARKER, District No. 5.

A. L. Parker, 348½ h at 25 cts.	\$87 12	A. Rawson, 97 loads gravel, at 5 cts.	\$4 85
Earl Parker, 335 h, at 20 cts.	67 00	H. T. Barton, 18 h, at 20 cts.	3 60
Horses and cart, 162 h, at 25 cts.	40 50	A. L. Parker, timber	2 00
One horse, 186 h, at 12½ cts.	23 29	Walter Parker, plank	12 00
Mr. South, 67½ h, at 20 cts.	13 50	" " 49 loads gravel, at 5 cts.	2 45
Mr. South, 14 loads gra- vel, at 5 cts.	70	Will Wallace, sythe and stick	1 55
			\$258 56

F. J. KENYON, District No. 6.

F. J. Kenyon, 144 h	\$36 00	John Dolbeer, 85 h	\$17 00
" " two horses		Earl Kenyon, 39 h	6 80
86 h	17 20	Willie Kenyon, 99 h	19 80
F. J. Kenyon, one horse		F. J. Kenyon, 100 feet	
33 h	4 12	railing, 9 posts	1 90
F. J. Kenyon, two horses		Mrs. Burlingame, 25	
on scraper 20 h	6 00	loads gravel	1 25
Fred Dupont, two horses		Mr. Green, 40 loads	
on scraper 20 h	6 00	gravel	2 00
Fred Dupont, 20 h	4 00	Charley Maynard, 25	
F. J. Kenyon, 3 horses		loads gravel	1 25
on scraper 5 h	2 25		
Jarvis Adams, 68 h	13 60		
			\$139 17

NELSON F. PLACE, District No. 7.

Nelson F. Place, 129 h	\$32 45	William Carter, 42 h	\$ 8 40
Horse and cart, 102 h	10 20	Louis Vincent, 51 h	10 20
Robert Lunn, 71 h	14 20	Clifford Lunn, 69 h	8 28
Horse and cart, 51 h	5 10	Frank Gurdén, 230 loads	
John Kelley, 62 h	12 40	gravel at 5 cts.	11 50
Horse and cart, 56 h	5 70	W. E. Jones, supplies	1 00
F. Gurdén, 42 h	8 40	W. R. Wallis, supplies	16 92
Horse and cart, 42 h	10 50		
George Conrod, 42 h	8 40		
			\$162 40

LOREN A. BUFFUM, District No. 8.

L. A. Buffum, 211 h	\$56 75	M. B. Hathaway, 17 h	\$ 3 40
W. F. Young, 63 h	12 60	L. Taft, 5 h	1 00
W. F. Young, one horse		L. Taft, railing	1 00
and cart, 20 h	2 00	Wm. O'Brien, 7 h	1 40
Arthur Moore, 13 h	3 60	Warren Tucker, 7 h	1 40
H. Hathaway, 137 h	27 40	W. F. Young, two horses	
F. H. Jefferson, 6 h	72	and cart, 43 h	10 75
T. E. Hall, 83 h	16 60	L. A. Buffum, 16 posts	1 60
C. Bennett, 87 h	17 40	" " 2 poles	50
" Two horses			
and cart, 87 h	21 75		
			\$175 87

H. C. METCALF, District No. 10.

H. C. Metcalf, 90 h	\$22 50	G. Conrad, 27 h	\$ 5 40
A. L. Metcalf, 90 h	18 00	A. Brown, gravel	11 70
H. C. Metcalf, horse and cart 69 h	6 90	F. Chappell, 9 h	1 80
A. Brown, 81 h	16 20	W. R. Wallis, supplies	10 76
P. Manning, two men and team, 50 h	32 50		\$125 76

Cemetery Trustee Report.

DOUGLAS, FEB. 29, 1912.

EXPENDITURES OF 1911.

July 24	William Balcom, services.....	\$2 00
Sept. 1	R. E. Dudley, plans of cemetery	4 50
5	C. Blake, mowing cemetery. . .	12 00
Dec. 14	Wm. Balcom, services.....	1 00
		—————
		\$19 50

RECEIPTS OF 1911.

Sept. 4	From Town Treasurer.....	\$12 00
" 23	Nancy Anderson, for lot 16x16 ft	14 00
Dec. 14	Alexander Ritchie " " "	14 00
		—————
		\$40 00

Feb. 29, 1912 Cash on hand..... \$20 50

BILLS DUE TOWN AS TO RECORD BOOK.

1900

Jan. 10	H. S. Hewett, by J. M. Rawson	\$14 00
Mar. 12	L. C. Belding, by J. M. Rawson.....	14 00

1906

(No record of date).		
Mr. J. Paine, by P. D. Manning		14 00
		—————
		\$42 00

(The above for lots in cemetery sold and not paid for).

Respectfully yours,

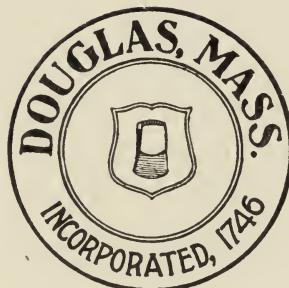
(Signed) WILLIAM E. BALCOM, *Trustee.*

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE
TOWN OF DOUGLAS

FOR THE

Year Ending March 1, 1912.



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SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

ERWIN E. CARPENTER..	Term expires March 1,	1912
FRED M. CHAPPELL	" " "	1912
GILBERT W. ROWLEY.....	" " "	1912
CHARLES J. BATCHELLER	" " "	1913
CHARLES L. CHURCH.....	" " "	1913
WILLIE MANAHAN.....	" " "	1913
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PAUL D. MANNING.....	" " "	1914

SUPERINTENDING COMMITTEE

G. W. ROWLEY EDWARD T. BUXTON P. D. MANNING

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

CHARLES M. PENNELL

PURCHASING AGENT

CHARLES J. BATCHELLER

TRUANT OFFICERS

CHARLES M. PENNELL ALEX R. JOHNSTON

SCHOOL CALENDAR.

1911-1912

FALL TERM

All schools opened September 5, 1911 and closed December 22.

WINTER TERM

High school opened January 1, 1912.

Elementary schools opened January 8.

All schools close March 15.

SPRING TERM RECOMMENDED

High and grammar schools open March 25.

Elementary schools opened April 1, and close June 7.

Grammar school to close June 14, and high school to close June 21

LENGTH OF SCHOOL YEAR.

High school 40 weeks.

Grammar school 38 weeks as recommended.

Elementary schools 36 weeks.

“NO SCHOOL” SIGNAL

Three blasts of the whistle at 7.45 a. m.
indicate “no school” for the morning session.

Three blasts of the whistle at 11.45 a. m.
indicate “no school” for the afternoon session.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

APPROPRIATIONS AND RECEIPTS.

Appropriations for public schools, includ-	
ing transportation of pupils.....	\$5,200 00
For books and supplies.....	400 00
For Superintendent.....	400 00
For school Physician.....	50 00
For repairs to school houses.....	400 00
Sale of old clock.....	1 00
Town school fund.....	56 48
State school fund.....	907 11
State for High school "special"	500 00
State for Superintendent.....	500 00
Tuition.....	56 00
Tuition last year.....	7 00
Transportation.....	27 00
Freight charges	25
Balance unexpended last year.....	1,410 67
	—————
	\$9,915 51

EXPENDITURES.

Teachers.....	\$5,500 00
Janitors	610 75
Superintendent.....	669 96
Transportation.....	484 75
Fuel.....	773 79
Books and supplies appropriation	\$400 00
State school fund.....	136 49
	—————
	\$536 49

Repairs.....	513 05
New desks and chairs.....	24 60
General expenses.....	261 88
Physician.	50 00
	—————
	\$9,425 27
	—————
	\$490 24
Appropriation for grading at East Douglas	
Appropriation.....	\$300 00
Expended.....	324 57
Overdrawn.....	—————
	\$24 57

PAUL D. MANNING,
 EDWARD T. BUXTON,
 GILBERT W. ROWLEY.

Report of School Committee.

The School Committee submits the following report for the year ending March 1st, 1912:

During the past year we have lost by resignation our Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Edwin S. Cobb. Mr. Cobb went to Winchendon, Mass., after completing three years of successful school work in the Uxbridge-Douglas District.

Mr. Charles M. Pennell, of Maine, was elected to succeed Mr. Cobb.

CHANGES IN TEACHING FORCE.

Resignations.—Mr. William W. Evans, Miss Mary I. Gunn, High School; Miss Jennie L. Irwin, Grades 7 and 8; Miss Rosana Pickard, South Douglas.

Elections.—Mr. Howard W. Dunn, Miss Alice F. Cook, High School; Miss Mildred Ross, Grades 8 and 9; Miss Annie Roche, grade 5; Miss Edith Manahan, South Douglas.

Mr. Howard Dunn resigned the last of February to take a position in Wrentham, and Mr. Zelma Dwinal, of Auburn, Maine, has been secured to succeed him March 1st.

The committee feel that our High School has suffered considerably by the frequent changes in the teaching force of the school, and also from the many changes of the past few years in the grades. We have been trying to remedy the trouble by somewhat higher salaries, and have been successful in instances. Paying more money for teaching has of course had its effect on our financial statement. However, it is simply a waste of time for the committee to seek good teachers and put them in charge of our schools, only to pass them on after a short period to progressive towns that are paying more money for teaching.

Our expenditures for the past year have been decidedly heavier than a year ago. The opening of another room, with the consequent hiring of another teacher, has been the chief cause of increase in expenditures. We were obliged to purchase a few more desks and seats because of opening this other room.

The cost of repairs has been a great deal heavier than we expected. At West Douglas a woodshed with closets has been built. A building of this sort at West Douglas was a necessity. At South Douglas only minor repairs have been made. At Old Douglas the entry and out-building roofs have been shingled. The main roof was patched up and some other minor repairs made. Some repairs to the main building remain to be done. At East Douglas heavy expense was incurred in replacing old castings with new ones in the vaults and heating plant. The fireplaces connected with the vaults will have to be torn out and rebuilt the coming summer. The slate roof was mended at a cost of over one hundred dollars. When fixing the roof we discovered that the chimney tops were in a very bad shape. These chimneys were repaired. The two rooms used by the High School were newly painted.

We were unable to wire the building for electric lights or put in a telephone because of repair expenses. Electric lights are needed, and a telephone is needed more.

We regret very much that we could not appropriate a little money for a night school. We feel that the short session of a year ago was a success and called for a repeating.

Attention is called to article 21 in the Town Warrant, wherein seven hundred dollars (\$700), is asked for to finish a part of the large amount of space in the attic of the East Douglas school building for the use of the High School and possibly manual training.

The High School should have two rooms for its work, and the only way it can have it without putting one of the grades out of the building is by making use of some part of the attic.

An estimate has been made that seven hundred dollars is needed to make a stairway from the second floor hall to the attic, to sheath a room, to make a second way out, and to furnish a fire escape.

The High School has had the use of two rooms on the second floor until this year, by reason of the ninth grade's having use of one of the rooms part time, and also because of one or more grades being divided between two teachers. The dividing of a grade proved detrimental to good grade progress, and the State

Agent protested the use of the High School rooms by the ninth grade. The committee therefore decided to open another room to take care of the ninth grade, and to do away with the dividing of grades. We were allowed this year in which to contrive two rooms for the High School. The committee believe a room in the attic would solve the problem.

The three hundred dollars appropriated for grading at East Douglas was expended under the direction of the School Committee. The wall at the west side was completed and a great deal of improvement has been made in the appearance of the school grounds. We regret that we found it necessary to overdraw the appropriation to finish the side we started. Another three hundred dollars is needed to put the grounds in the best shape, but the committee thought best not to ask for an appropriation for this purpose this year, because of the appropriation asked for to finish the attic of the building at East Douglas.

We would call attention to the reports of Superintendent, High School principal and Music Supervisor.

For the ensuing year the following appropriations are asked for:

Public schools, including transportation	\$6,000 00
Books and supplies	400 00
Superintendent	380 00
School physician	50 00
Repairs to schoolhouses	400 00
For finishing attic	700 00
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	\$7,930 00

PAUL D. MANNING,
EDWARD T. BUXTON,
GILBERT W. ROWLEY, } *Superintending
Committee.*

Superintendent's Report.

To the Members of the School Committee of Douglas, Mass.

GENTLEMEN :

I herewith submit my first annual report as superintendent of the public schools of Douglas.

Inasmuch as I have been connected with the schools only for the past six months my acquaintance with conditions is necessarily somewhat limited. I have, however, made as rapid progress as my time would permit in familiarising myself with the working of your school system.

I have tried, also, to make the acquaintance of as many as possible of the citizens of the town who pay the taxes and have a right to know how the money appropriated for school purposes is being used.

At the outset, it may be said that the pupils of the town are well housed, a fact that goes a long way toward ensuring efficiency in school work.

The eight room building at East Douglas is hygienic in every way so far as I have been able to discover. Its location on an elevated, gravelly knoll, away from dust, noise, and distracting influences is almost ideal. The lighting of the building is excellent, the grade rooms ample, and the playground sufficiently large to insure opportunities for abundant exercise.

The passing of the common drinking cup and the presence of its successor, the bubbling drinking fountain, are in evidence in this building. Every room in the building is now occupied, and, with the exception of Grade 1 room, there is no crowding, though the

rooms are well filled. The greatest number registered at any one time in this room is fifty-four, too many for one teacher to handle satisfactorily. Had it not been for having in this room an especially strong teacher, Miss Poole, many of the pupils would have suffered for want of attention.

The opening of a new room for grade V taught by an excellent teacher, Miss Roche, has proved a success. This has enabled the teachers of the higher grades to carry on their work without congested conditions.

One difficulty, however, still confronts us in this building. The High School, since the fifth grade took up its work in the room formerly used as a laboratory, is without suitable accommodations for laboratory work in the sciences. Now as the pursuit of science without laboratory work is of comparatively little value, it becomes necessary in some way, to provide laboratory accommodations.

It is well known this building has a large unused attic capable of being converted into valuable recitation rooms. If a portion of this spare room were to be converted into a laboratory that could be used the coming fall, it would solve the difficulty of scarcity of recitation rooms for some time to come. The new room situated near the top of the building, arranged with hoods and exits for the elimination of foul air and noxious gases incident to work in chemistry, would be ideally located. A laboratory should always be located in a part of a building where the danger of vitiating the air in the rest of the rooms, is reduced to a minimum.

One stairway leading to this room, I believe, could be arranged to open directly from the high school room. A second stairway could be arranged to connect with the main corridor on the second floor.

Another need involving slight expense is a teachers' room.

It sometimes happens that a teacher or more often a pupil is taken suddenly ill. At present there is no suitable place to care for such a case. The room in which the matter comes up has to hold the person till assistance comes. This is attended with more or less confusion and loss of time. With a teachers' room provided with a couch and two or three chairs a pupil or a teacher might be taken care of upon occasion, with little or no confusion or loss of time.

The room formerly occupied as an office by the superintendent and more recently as a recitation room for the small classes

of the high school, though small, would answer for a teachers' room unless this space were needed in the construction of a stairway to the proposed laboratory.

INFLUENCES OF SCHOOL LIFE UPON PUPILS.

For the most part the regularity in attendance on the part of the pupils during the past year has been commendable. However considerable improvement may be made in the future if pupils and parents alike realize the importance of punctuality and regularity of attendance in the matter of character forming.

Since school life is a training essential, as we believe, to the creditable performance of civic duties, it behooves all in any way connected with the schools to insist upon the regular and conscientious performance of school work.

The most impressionable age of the child is the period in which he is spending a considerable portion of his time directly under the influence of the school.

If the school is able to inculcate correct habits of thought and action much good is secured. This, however, is not all. The school if it is to justify itself as an educative agency must promote the physical well-being as well as minister to the intellectual welfare of the child. The symmetrical development of the body must go hand in hand with the development of the mind. To this phase of child training the teacher must continually direct her attention. Physically weak children are too often the product of the school. Teachers must not only know the principles of hygiene but must know how to teach them and to have the pupils put in practice these principles in their daily lives. There is need of more practical teaching in hygiene in the schools. Under the training of the school cooperated in and supplemented by the home, pupils should leave school at the end of their course in as good physical health and vigor or better than they possessed on entering. If the school can not do this it has largely failed in its legitimate mission.

TEACHERS.

The teachers of this town are doing conscientious, painstaking work and, for the most part, are giving excellent satisfaction. Several of the teachers have had years of successful experience and are a valuable asset to our school system. Others though having had less experience have had one year or more of professional training which goes a long way toward insuring efficiency in school work. Other things being equal the teacher with liberal

education and broad professional training is much more likely to be successful in school work. It is to be hoped, when new teachers are to be employed in our schools that only those who have had the advantages of professional training may be secured. If professional training is demanded, those intending to teach will avail themselves of the necessary training, and in the course of time the schools will have a professionally trained corps of teachers.

SALARIES.

By comparing the tables given at the end of this report with those of previous years it will be seen that salaries have been somewhat increased within the past few years. This is as it should be. The cost of living has been on the increase from year to year without a proportionate increase in compensation for school work.

A teacher in order to be at her best must be a good liver. She must have a comfortable home well warmed and lighted. She must have access to good books and magazines and plenty of them. Some opportunity to travel and to move in good society must be hers if she is to be able to impart what is demanded of her. All of these requirements are expensive and call for a salary sufficiently large to enable the teacher to have them. It is encouraging to know that the tendency is toward larger salaries in school work. This fact ensures better teachers and, consequently, higher efficiency along educational lines.

MANUAL TRAINING AND DOMESTIC SCIENCE.

It is to be hoped in the near future that a course in manual training and domestic science may be given a place in our schools. In a manufacturing town like our own the value of such a course is obvious.

Though such a training seems to have a direct bearing upon vocations that are primarily mechanical, yet the person who is to engage in a calling essentially professional, would doubtless be equally benefited by pursuing such a course.

Any training tending to develop deftness of hand, quickness of eye and keenness of perception is well worth while. Statistics show that school work in general, is made more efficient by the introduction of manual courses.

The expense of making provision for such courses in the schools of our town would not be great. I am told that the cost of equipping a room with ten benches is about two hundred and fifty dollars. This would be ample equipment for a manual training room for years to come.

The principal cost of maintenance would consist in paying the teacher's salary. The cost of the material used is slight. A portion of the basement in the East Douglas school building would afford excellent quarters.

If manual work were to be installed I would suggest that the work be taken up by the advance classes in the Grammar School and the lower classes of the High School. Then the work could be extended throughout the grades when its usefulness had been demonstrated.

MUSIC.

Music in the schools for the past year has been under the direction of Miss Emma J. Williams, of Providence.

Much individual work in reading music has been done resulting in the ability on the part of the pupils to read with considerable facility. The interest in music is good and the progress commendable.

The report of Miss Williams is to be found at the end of this report and should be read.

HOME GARDENS.

The work in home gardens has been carried on successfully during the past school year. Considerable interest has been manifested and considering the extremely dry season many of the gardens were a pronounced success. Prizes were awarded to those who owned gardens showing the most care and the most satisfactory results. The home-garden idea is an excellent one, in that it promotes wholesome rivalry among those owning gardens, while at the same time it helps to bring the children into closer touch with one phase of nature's activities.

EVENING SCHOOL.

I believe there is a place for an evening school in this town. There are many living here who at a tender age are obliged to work during the day for a livelihood. If an evening school were maintained many of these could spend two hours an evening for three or four nights in a week, to great advantage. The evening school fills a place in a community that the day school fails to meet. I believe it would be a valuable addition to our school system if an evening school of perhaps thirty evenings were to be maintained.

EYE AND EAR TESTS.

The eye and ear tests given early in the fall according to the provisions of the law resulted as follows:

Number of pupils examined	315
Number found with defective eyesight	42
Number found with defective hearing	10

These figures show a slight falling off from last year's report in the number having defective vision and hearing. This difference is due partly to the fact that some who were found to be defective, in the examination of last year, have been relieved because of much needed treatment received at the hands of medical specialists.

ATTENDANCE STATISTICS.

The total enrollment of pupils in all the schools for the school year 1910-1911 was 408, 21 more than for the preceding year. The average membership for the year was 316, about the same as for the year before. The average attendance for the year was 293, a gain of five over the preceding year. The per cent. of attendance for the year was 92.8% as against 91.1% for the year before, a gain of 1.7%, a creditable showing.

SCHOOL CENSUS.

From the census of school children complete up to September 1, 1911, the following figures are taken:

Number of boys between five and fifteen	175
Number of girls between five and fifteen	172
Total number of boys and girls	347
Number of boys between seven and fourteen	142
Number of girls between seven and fourteen	145
Total number of boys and girls	287

HIGH SCHOOL.

The High School though small, has done good work. It is unfortunate the school should be so small. With two teachers the number we now have, who are college graduates, a much larger school might be handled without inconvenience. I should be glad to see at least forty availing themselves of the advan-

tages offered by the school. We could accommodate this number to good advantage if one more room were available for laboratory and recitation purposes as before mentioned.

The course of study may be seen by consulting the daily program on the following page.

CONCLUSION.

In conclusion I wish to express my thanks to the people of the town who have coöperated so earnestly with the teachers and school officials in their efforts to bring the schools of the town up to a high standard of efficiency. Only when a fair degree of harmony and helpful interest is manifested on the part of teachers, pupils, parents and school officials, can anything like ideal conditions prevail in school work. I believe these conditions prevail in Douglas.

The effort on the part of the parents to keep the children regularly at school have been for the most part highly commendable, and truancy has been slight in amount.

The relations existing between the members of the School Board and the Superintendent have been most cordial and agreeable. Under the favorable conditions at present prevailing in the schools the outlook for highly efficient work in the future is most hopeful.

CHAS. M. PENNELL,

Superintendent of Schools.

Douglas, Mass., Feb. 1, 1912.

Douglas Schools, Daily Program.

	9:20—10:00	10:00—10:30	10:50—11:30	1:10—1:50	1:50—2:30	2:45—3:25	3:25—4:00
Mon.	Geom. 2	Alg. 1		Physics	Com. Arith.	An. Hist. 1	
Tue.	French 3	Lat. 4	Music	Lat. 1	Lat. 2	French 4	
	Geom. 2	Math. 4	Alg. 1	Eng. $\frac{3}{4}$	Com. Arith.	Phys.	
	Lat. 1	Am. Hist.	Lat. 4	Eng. $\frac{1}{2}$	Lat. 2	Read.	Lab.
Wed.	Comp. $\frac{3}{4}$	Math. 4	A. M.	Eng. $\frac{3}{4}$	P. M.		
	Lat. 1	Am. Hist. 4	Com. Arith.	Eng. $\frac{1}{2}$	An. Hist.		
		Recess	Zoon.	Eng. $\frac{1}{2}$	French 3		
Thur.	Geom. 2	Math. 4	Lat. 2	Eng. $\frac{3}{4}$	French 4		
		Alg. 1	Eng. $\frac{3}{4}$	An. Hist. 1	Com. Arith.		
Fri.	French 4	French 3	Lat. 2	Eng. $\frac{1}{2}$	Lat. 1		
	Geom. 2	Alg. 1	Eng. $\frac{3}{4}$	An. Hist. 1	Com. Arith.		
					Physics		
	Lat. 4	French 3	Lat. 2	Eng. $\frac{1}{2}$	Am. Hist.	French 4	Lat. 1

The first twenty minutes in the morning are spent in opening exercises and Singing. Chemistry alternates with Physics.

Table A. Douglas School Statistics, September 1910 to June 1911

SCHOOL	TEACHER	WHERE EDUCATED	Enrollment												Visitors including Super.								
			Length of school year			Weeks taught			Salary per week			Average membership			Per cent of attendance			Parades		Dismissals			
High	C. E. Disney, Prin.	Clark University	20	9-19	0	0	15	10	05	8	20	18	15	10	39	32	30	1	94.2	80	35	133	
	Mary I. Gunn	Wellesley College	12.00	40																			
E. Dou, Gr. VII. VIII	Clark College	21.25	20																				
Lillie M. MacLean	Boynton High	13.50	15	9.8	0	0	22	13	1	23	13	19	13	37	30.6	28.8	94.2	79	77	91			
Jennie L. Irwin	Brookfield High	14.00	21																				
Eunice L. Buffington	Douglas High	12.00	36	8-17	0	0	20	16	0	20	16	20	15	36	31.6	30.2	95.4	34	17	143			
Mild'd H. Chapman	Lowell High	10.00	26	8-13	0	0	29	18	0	0	29	18	18	53	42.8	38.6	90.2	66	41	87			
Grace S. Moore	Grafton High	10.00	10																				
Edith Abbott	Douglas High	11.00	36	8-18	0	0	18	22	0	0	18	22	18	46	38.2	35.7	93.5	70	100	121			
Etta H. Johnson	Douglas High	11.50	36	8-17	0	0	15	22	0	0	15	22	14	54	36.8	34.6	95.4	14	10	133			
Elizabeth Poole	Fisher's Kinderg.	11.00	36	8-17	0	0	34	33	0	0	34	33	9	70	50.6	46.4	91.6	12		90			
Gertrude M. Smith	Middleb'y, Vt.H.S.	10.00	36	8-13	0	0	17	10	0	0	17	10	9	34	26	23.8	91	67	2	122			
West Douglas.....	Douglas High	8.50	36	8-17	0	0	4	0	7	0	1	5	7	7	19	13.7	13.1	95.6	1	29			
South Douglas.....	Syncocks School	10.00	36	8-14	0	0	8	10	1	1	9	10	8	9	20	13.4	11.7	87.1	19	14	27		
Totals Sept. 1909-1910	.....	.....	40.4	93.5	0	0	182	161	7	11	190	169	152	131	408	315.7	293	92.8	441	297	976	
Totals Sept. 1910	40.4	89-12	40.4	89-12	2	1.173	173	10	10	185	184	134	123	387	315.9	288.8	91.1	567	221	817			

Table B. Teachers employed for School Year 1910—1911

SCHOOL.	TEACHER.	WHERE EDUCATED.
HIGH.		
E. Douglas, Grades VIII—IX.	Howard W. Dunn, Jr., Principal.	Bates College.
E. Douglas, Grades VI—VII.	Alice L. Cook, Asst.	Brown University.
" " V.	Mildred I. Ross,	Worcester Normal School.
" " IV.	Unice L. Buffington,	Douglas High School.
" " III.	Annie L. Roche,	Worcester Normal School.
" " II.	Grace Moore,	Grafton High School.
" " I.	Edith W. Abbott,	Douglas High School.
Douglas Center.	Ella H. Johnson,	Douglas High School.
West Douglas.	Elizabeth Poole,	Fisher's Kindergarten
South Douglas.	Gertrude M. Smith,	and Training School, Boston.
	Mollie H. Kelly,	Middlebury, Vt., High School.
	Edith S. Manahan,	Douglas High School.

Report of the HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL.

Mr. Chas. M. Pennell, Superintendent of Schools:

My Dear Sir :

I wish to submit the report of the Douglas High School which I trust will meet with your approval.

The work done by the pupils thus far has been satisfactory and the spirit in the school is very good. There are many ways in which the courses might be strengthened but these improvements will take time as well as a great deal of additional equipment, as for instance, suitable classroom and science laboratory, especially have we been limited for room, and had it not been for the fact of unusually small classes we should not have been able to carry on the work so satisfactorily.

I wish to make especial mention of the work of Miss Cook in the language department which has shown a great deal of careful study to meet the demands of the pupils and the conditions.

We have made quite a number of changes in the course as planned at the beginning of the year, which we feel have strengthened the work and brought the school nearer to the required standing for admission to college on certificate. In the place of book-keeping we are taking commercial Arithmetic which seems to be meeting the needs of the pupils.

A copy of the revised schedule which is now in force is here printed in order that it may be readily seen just what is being done in the school.

Yours respectfully,

HOWARD W. DUNN, Jr.,

Principal.

Report of SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC.

Mr. Charles M. Pennell,

Superintendent of Schools:

Dear Sir:

The educational value of music is now almost universally conceded, and there are at present comparatively few schools where it is not taught. Enlightened teaching is needed to correct the vitiated taste of the public. The inartistic vaudeville songs will take possession of the souls of children hungering for music unless we give them something better, and the good material in our public school "Music Readers" is helping our boys and girls, not only to read music readily, but to develop a musical intelligence and appreciation of the best. In Douglas we are working along that line and with good results. The new method of developing the child's voice from the head tone down, rather than by forcing up the lower register is doing a great deal towards making good tone quality.

Last May the Donglas schools gave a musical festival. Selections were rendered by all the grades beginning with the first-year children and ending with "The Wreck of the Hesperus" by Anderton, rendered by the High and Grammar schools assisted by soloists and orchestra. It was a very satisfactory performance throughout and apparently much enjoyed by the large audience present.

The Harmonic series is now being used in some of the grades. It is progressive and enjoyable. The "listening" class in the lowest grades is in time a sure cure for monotones. The work of the grade teachers in helping to advance this beautiful art, which comes into our lives with a thousand delightful ministries, is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

EMMA J. WILLIAMS.

Supervisor of Music.

